



TOMODACHI NAJAS Grant Program

Testimonials

	<p>Esmeralda Crystal Alejo</p> <p>The trip to Japan, and more specifically Sendai, was an amazing journey that couldn't have been more amazing. The families who adopted us and the friends who joined us were marvelous and I hope to continue our friendship. I think this trip was successful in every way possible. It truly is something memorable for a lifetime.</p>
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	<p>Leslie Berry</p> <p>Having the opportunity to travel to Sendai and experience everything I had the privilege to experience, was truly unforgettable. The people absolutely touched my heart, and I fell in love with the whole culture. I will never forget the friends I made and the days I spent in the beautiful city of Sendai.</p>
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	<p>Alex Chau</p> <p>Every person experiences two to three life changing experiences in their lifetime, and for me, the Japan - America Young Ambassadors program was one of them. TOMODACHI has given me new meaning to being cultured, unequivocally hopeful, and has opened many new proverbial doors for myself and my colleagues. And, to top it off, TOMODACHI has given lifelong friend- something that not many other programs can offer.</p>
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Neyva Hernandez

Going to Sendai was a once in a lifetime opportunity, and I will forever be grateful. The memories and friendships I made there will forever be close to my heart, as they changed so much about me. I truly loved the people of Sendai, the beauty of its culture, and the kindness shown by the people there.



Vernon Johnson

Going to Japan as a Young Ambassador has been one of the most pedagogical experiences of my life. I was allowed to view the beauty in a culture and a country that is different from my own while being equipped with a new outlook on the world. Now I view the world in a different way and I now see things globally. This experience has radically made me rethink the world and how I impact it.



Sameer Khoja

I absolutely loved Sendai because it was so environmentally friendly, efficient, and organized. I loved the Japanese culture, especially all the various forms of respect people have for one another. My host family, the Kutsumizu family, was very kind to me and was always there to lend a hand and show support.



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Kevin Mondy Jr.

I would just like to thank TOMODACHI for this great experience. Without TOMODACHI this trip would have never been possible and I would have never been able to make such good friends. I just would like to say thank you TOMODACHI.



Myra Ramdenbourg

It has been an honor to represent the city of Dallas to deepen the relationship with Sendai. The Japanese culture is not unfamiliar to me; however, this trip was eye-opening and I now view the world through global lenses. Our trip was extremely successful and I am sure that the friendship we the ambassadors made will last a lifetime and will be carried on throughout generations.



Pauleen Speegle

My ambassadorship to Japan gifted to me the first-hand experience of observing an amazing and distinctive culture which has changed me for the better. I received the opportunity to form life-long friendship bonds with the people of Sendai and I plan to treasure and continue to grow those relationships progressively. This voyage has broadened my knowledge of the world around me and I now feel a personal connection with the people of Sendai.